231312

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920 Chicago, Illinois 60808-1718 Mack H. Shumate, Jr. Senior General Attorney, Law Department

P 312.777 2055 F 877.213 4433 mackshumate@up.com

November 18, 2011

VIA E-FILING

The Honorable Cynthia Brown Chief of the Section of Administration Surface Transportation Board 395 E. Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re:

Abandonment Exemption to Abandon Operations and Discontinue Service of the Capitol Drive Industrial Lead from M.P. 92.21 the Shoreline Connection to the end of the Line at M.P. 89.13 south of Hampton Avenue, a distance of 3.08 miles in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 268X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a motion from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, (the "WIS DOT") on behalf of County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, seeking to extend the negotiation period covering the issuance of a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 for the portion of the Union Pacific's Capitol Drive Industrial Lead located in the City from Milepost 92.21, the Shoreline Connection to the end of the Line at Milepost 89.13 south of Hampton Avenue, a distance of 3.08 miles in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

The Union Pacific is willing to extend the negotiation period with the WIS DOT concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the WIS DOT's request to extend the negotiation period for an additional 180 days to May 28, 2012. A copy of the WIS DOT's motion for extension is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and hereby made a part hereof.

Sincerely,

Attachment

cc: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

2011 11 18 STB 180 Day Ext.doc

BEFORE THE RANSPORTATION BOARD (SUB-NO. 268X)

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

AB-33 (SUB-NO. 268X)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD. -
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR ABANDONMENT-IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO NEGOTIATE A NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE

BACKGROUND

On service date June 11, 2009, the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) served notice that the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502 and the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. 1152 Subpart F — Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 3.08-mile line of railroad known as the Capitol Industrial Lead, from milepost 92.21, the Shoreline connection, to the end of the line at milepost 89.13, south of Hampton Avenue in the northeast area of Milwaukee, in Milwaukee County, WI. This portion of the line traverses United State Postal Service Zip Codes 53209, 53211, 53212 and 53217.

On May 11, 2009, the County of Milwaukee (CMW) signed a Statement of Willingness to Accept Financial Responsibility pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 for the segment of UP railroad from milepost 92.21 to milepost 89.13, a total of approximately 3.08 miles.

The Board granted an NITU under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d), which was served on June 12, 2009, allowing CMW until December 9, 2009, to negotiate a rail banking agreement with UP.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors expressed its commitment to the acquisition of the subject corridor in 2009 through its authorization to submit a Federal Transportation Program grant application that seeks funding assistance for the acquisition of rights to the subject corridor and for development of a multiple-use trail therein.

Negotiations with the UP Railroad were delayed due to extenuating circumstances as a County-wide budget shortfall, which temporarily diverted attention away from numerous County initiatives, including the proposed trail development within the UP Rail corridor. Milwaukee County is still very interested in acquiring rights to the subject corridor and proceeding with the development of a trail facility therein.

The funding request submitted by the County to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, administered by Federal Highways Administration and WisDOT, and a related Statewide Multi-Modal Improvement grant application were both granted and the awards will be sufficient to allow the consummation of this project. The County is now engaging in the requisite federal acquisition process to comply with the award conditions, but the process is complex and requires additional time. Milwaukee County and the Union Pacific continue in productive discussions.

MOTION

Therefore, CMW moves that the period prescribed to negotiate an interim trail use/rall banking agreement be extended for 180 days for the rail corridor between milepost 92.21 to

milepost 89.13, a total of approximately 3.08 miles in the City of Milwaukee, in Milwaukee County,

Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

KathleenChung

Kathleen Chung, State Bar No. 1032802 Wisconsin Department of Transportation 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Room 115-B P. O. Box 7910 Madison, WI 53707-7910 (608) 266-8810 11/17/10

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing cover letter in regards to <u>AB33</u> (<u>Sub-No. 268X</u>), by electronic mail or regular mail, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1104.12, this 16th day of November 2011, on all parties of record on the service list.

Kathleen Chung, Attorney

State Bar no. 1032802 Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Kathleen Chienz

Office of General Counsel

bcc: w/ Attachment

Ray Allamong
Jim Harrel
Lynda Prucha
Colleen Graham
Melanie Kewin
Mark Schulte
Michael Drelicharz
Jason Hormann
Darin Bair
Joe Bateman
Mike Payette
Marcia Bovenzo